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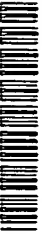
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Whereas, Western Digital Technologies, Inc. (hereafter "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Improvements and the Application.

Now, therefore, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assignees, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the Improvements, and the Application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereof and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for the Improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patents for the Improvements to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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Walter W. Butler 25-JUL-01
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